

and presented in a way that is recognized and respected by the health care community—orders for life-sustaining treatment programs do just that. These programs have a track record of promoting patient autonomy through documenting and coordinating a person's treatment preferences, enhancing the authorized transfer of patient records between facilities, clarifying treatment intentions and minimizing confusion, reducing repetitive activities in complying with the Patient Self Determination Act, and facilitating appropriate treatment by emergency personnel. Oregon is nationally recognized for our exemplary end-of-life care and orders for life-sustaining treatment have played a critical role providing quality, patient-centered care for those in their final chapter of life.

I am proud to introduce the Life Sustaining Treatment Preferences Act, which will lay the groundwork so all Americans have the tools to make informed medical care decisions, convey their care plans as clearly as possible, and feel confident their wishes will be respected by health care personnel.

TRIBUTE TO MASONIC LODGE #135  
OF LENEXA, KANSAS

**HON. DENNIS MOORE**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, September 27, 2008*

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute the Masonic Lodge of my hometown, Lenexa, Kansas. Masonic Lodge #135 is celebrating the 135th anniversary of its founding this October.

In reading documents compiled by Lenexa Historical Society member and Masonic Lodge leader Angelo Mino, it becomes clear that the history of this lodge is intertwined with the history of Lenexa. The Masonic Lodge was the first fraternal or civic organization of Lenexa, and city leaders were often leaders of the lodge as well. Lodge members included the first mayor of Lenexa, the first police judge, the first postmaster and the first physician in the city.

In 1873, the lodge received official recognition from the Masonic organization, and the first Eastern Star chapter was also established. In 1922, the first DeMolay group in Johnson County, Kansas, received its charter, and in 1953, the Rainbow Girls Assembly #56 began.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the members of Lenexa Masonic Lodge #135 on this remarkable milestone, and thank them for 135 years of community leadership and service.

RECOGNIZING THE PASSING OF  
DIONICIO MORALES

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, September 27, 2008*

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a Latino civil rights leader and the founder of the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation, MAOF, Dionicio Morales, who passed away on September 24, 2008.

Dionicio was born to immigrant farm worker parents and was raised in Ventura County,

California. Like many Mexican Americans of his generation, Dionicio struggled to achieve an education and he graduated from high school in 1937. Dionicio attended Santa Barbara State College and worked with the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union early to ensure garment workers had better working conditions.

Dionicio was a life-long community organizer who devoted his life to providing critical programs and resources to the Mexican-American community. He was a strong advocate and dedicated leader for the people of Los Angeles.

In 1963, Dionicio became the founder and president of the Mexican-American Opportunity Foundation, which provides the Mexican-American community with critical access to services and programs. These services include increased access to job skill training programs, repair programs for low-income homes, nutrition and employment aid for seniors, and many other critical programs that have dramatically improved the lives of many Mexican Americans in Los Angeles County and the surrounding areas. Dionicio later spent most of his life serving on several Federal, State, and county boards that gave him a voice which he used to advocate for the important issues that faced the Mexican-American community.

Throughout my career in public service, I have had the pleasure to work with Dionicio and MAOF to increase economic and social justice in the Latino community. I am proud to have received the prestigious Aztec Award from MAOF in October 1996 and am committed to continuing this work to bring greater equality and opportunity to the Latino community.

Dionicio will be remembered for his lifetime commitment to the Mexican-American community. I extend my sympathy to Dionicio's family in this difficult time. Dionicio's legacy will continue to live in MAOF. He will be dearly missed by the Latino community.

JOB CREATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT  
RELIEF ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 26, 2008*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. I rise in support of H.R. 7110, the Job Creation and Unemployment Relief Act.

While I have reservations about any bill that relies on deficit spending, I think the long-term benefits this bill will have for the American economy outweigh those reservations. I am, however, very disappointed with the minority's objection to an amendment that would have included funding for the Secure Rural Schools program in this bill.

H.R. 7110 will help stimulate the American economy by creating jobs, and will update the Nation's rapidly deteriorating infrastructure. Nationwide, 84,000 Americans have lost their jobs within the last month, and more than 600,000 Americans have lost their jobs within the last month, and more than 600,000 Americans have lost their jobs throughout the year. In my home state of Colorado, more than 19,000 Coloradans have lost their jobs within the last year.

This bill will put Coloradans to work, rebuilding our roads, expanding our public transportation, investing in our water infrastructure, and fixing our schools. The Colorado Department of Transportation, CDOT, recently weighed down by a combination of deteriorating infrastructure and shrinking resources, will receive more than \$200 million in direct funding that will be put to use quickly and efficiently, and which will immediately help local economies. Colorado will be eligible for further funding for its public transit agencies.

This bill will also provide assistance for those who need help getting back on their feet after being wiped out by the current state of our economy. H.R. 7110 will extend unemployment benefits for up to 12,000 unemployed Coloradans, and fund job training programs to help them find work. And for those struggling to put food on the table, this bill will provide additional food stamps, and will help maintain the health of struggling Coloradans by increasing Medicaid assistance.

As a national leader in the development of clean, renewable energy, Colorado stands to benefit greatly from the resources dedicated in this bill to advance such technologies. This bill will further help lead this nation into an era of energy independence by investing in the manufacture of advanced vehicle batteries and battery systems—a key component to developing a new fleet of fuel efficient cars.

Simply put, this bill is an investment in America—her people, her ingenuity, and her future. I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this bill.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, September 27, 2008*

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure for two project authorization requests that I made and which were included within S. 3001, the "Duncan Hunter Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009."

Requesting Member: Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY.

Bill Number: S. 3001.

Account: Military Construction, Air Force.

Project Amount: \$6,000,000.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Edwards Air Force Base.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 S. Rosamond Blvd., Edwards AFB, CA, USA.

Description of Request: This funding would complete construction of the main base runway at Edwards Air Force Base, CA. The funding will be used to complete paved shoulders on the runway and account for extra costs in the overall runway replacement project from items such as the stabilization of over 41,000 cubic yards of both unsuitable and unstable soil.

The main base runway, which supports almost every flight operation at Edwards Air Force Base, as well as space shuttle landings when necessary, is over 50 years old and is rapidly degrading as a result of Alkali-Silica Reaction (ASR), a reaction between the cement and the aggregate that creates map